

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed June 12, 2008, Applicants respectfully request consideration. In response to the Office Action, claims 1, 7, 11, 15 and 18 have been amended, and claims 6, 10 and 17 have been canceled. Accordingly, claims 1-5, 7-9, 11-16, 18 and 19 are pending, with claims 1 and 15 in independent form. No new matter has been added to the application

In the Office Action, the drawings have been objected to because the label "Prior Art," has not been included on Figure 1. Without acceding to the correctness of this objection, to further the prosecution of the application, Figure 1 has been amended to add the label "Prior Art" and the objection should be withdrawn. In addition, the drawings and specification have been amended herein to correct informalities, and in addition, formal replacement drawings for Figures 11-27 have been submitted with this response.

In the Office Action, each of claims 6, 7, 10, 11, 17 and 18 has been indicated as objected to as being dependent on a rejected claim but allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of its base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 6, 10 and 17 have been canceled herein. The limitations of claims 10 and 17 have been incorporated into respectively claims 1 and 15 from which they previously depended and accordingly, claims 1 and 15 are in allowable condition. Claim 7 depends from claim 1 and is allowable for at least the same reasons, and claim 18 depends from claim 15 and is allowable for at least the same reasons.

Claims 1-5, 8, 9, 12-16 and 19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,310,783 (Winch). As discussed above, claims 1 and 15 have been amended and are in allowable condition. Claims 4-5, 8, 9 and 12-14 depend from claim 1 and are patentable for at least the same reasons. Claims 16 and 19 depend from claim 15 and are patentable for at least the same reasons.

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CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, the application is believed to be in allowable condition and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding the application, he is invited to contact the Applicant's Attorney at the number provided below.

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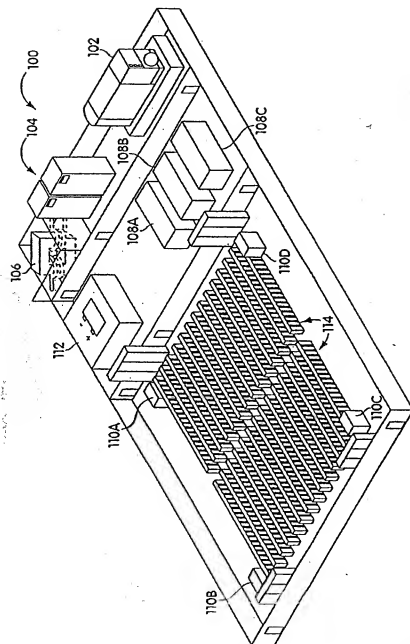


Fig. 1
Prior Art

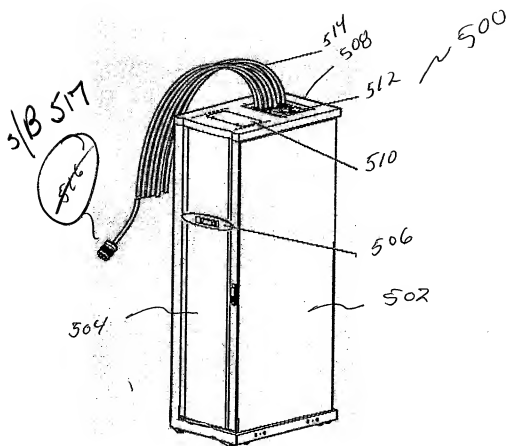


Fig. 16

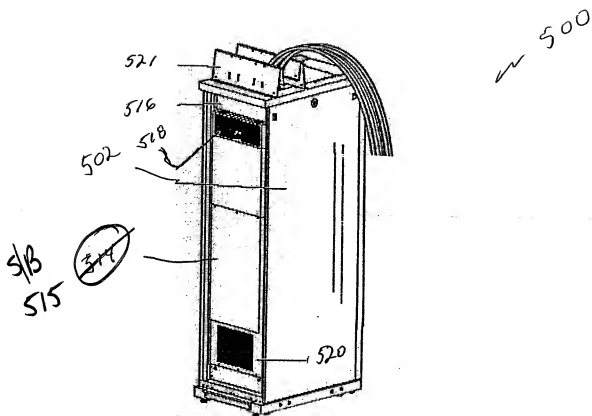


FIG. 17

